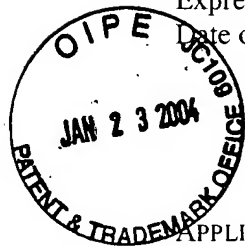


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on October 23, 2003 in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. With extension, this response is due on or before January 23, 2004.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-537. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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